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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 3322

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS PORG, OAU, CD, LY, PBOR

SUBJECT: OAU SUMMIT: CHAD/LIBYA MEDIATION COMMITTEE

REF: KHARTOUM 3180

1. THROUGHOUT BOTH OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (COM) AND SUMMIT MEETINGS, CHAD AND LIBYAN DELEGATIONS ENGAGED IN VENOMOUS AND OFTEN UGLY PUBLIC SHOUTING CONTEST. VARIOUS OBSERVERS DENIGRATED LIBYAN FONMIN ALI ABD EL-SALAAM TURAYKI FOR THE VICIOUS ATTACKS ON CHADIAN FONMIN KAMOUGUE WHICH EVENTUALLY LED TO TURAYKI BEING BOOED BY COM TOWARD END. DAILY EXCHANGES OCCUPIED LARGE AMOUNT OF TIME DISPROPORTIONATE TO IMPORTANCE WHICH OAU SEEMED TO ATTACH TO DISPUTE.

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2. DURING SUMMIT, CHAD PRES. MALLOUM ASSERTED CHAD WAS VICTIM OF EXTERNAL AGGRESSION AND CALLED FOR STRICT OBSERVANCE OF OAU CHARTER PRINCIPLES. HE URGED WITHDRAWAL OF LIBYAN TROOPS, CESSATION OF HOSTILE PROPAGANDA, STRICT ARMS CONTROL AGAINST "INDISCRIMINATE SALES OF ARMS" AND END TO LIBYAN SUPPORT OF REBELS WITHIN ITS

TERRITORY WHO SEEK TO SUBVERT CHAD GOVT.

3. SUMMIT FAVORED CHADIAN POSITION IN ITS INCONCLUSIVE RECOMMENDATIONS ON DISPUTE. SUMMIT, (A) NOTED WITH APPRECIATION REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE AND ITS MEMBERS' EFFORTS TO MEDIATE THE DISPUTE, (B) REAFFIRMED CHARTER PRINCIPLES OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NATIONAL UNITY, AND (C) MANDATED CONTACTS TO CONTINUE BETWEEN NEIGHBORING SISTERLY STATES TO CONTINUE AT HEAD OF STATE LEVEL TO BRING ABOUT PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO DISPUTE. (N, B, CHAD/LIBYA MEDIATION COMMISSION IS COMPOSED OF ALGERIA, CAMAROON, GABON (CHAIRMAN), MOZAMBIQUE, NIGERIA AND SENEGAL.)

4. COMMENT: IT SEEMS OAU WILL RELY ON SUDAN AND NIGER HEADS OF STATE TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATING PROCESS ON BEHALF OF OAU EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE NOT MEMBERS OF MEDIATION COMMISSION. WHILE CHAD AND LIBYA DEVOTED GREAT ENERGY TO FORENSIC DISPUTE, REST OF OAU PAID LITTLE ATTENTION. QUESTION OF FROLINAT RECOGNITION DID NOT ARISE, PERHAPS BECAUSE IT IS FOREGONE CONCLUSION THAT IT WOULD NOT BE RECOGNIZED BY OAU.

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